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SUBJ: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. GATT CTD SCHEDULED MEET MAY 22-23, WITH FOLLOWING
ADVANCE PROVISIONAL AGENDA.

(A) REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV. SECRETARIAT
IS ASSEMBLING NOTIFICATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED AND WILL
CIRCULATE THEM IN A DOCUMENT. MISSION WILL FORWARD WHEN
RECEIVED. MEANWHILE, WASHINGTON MAY WISH BEGIN ASSEM-
BLING FOR US DEL USE ANY ADDITIONAL ACTIONS NOT NOTIFIED.
NOTE: FOR ANNUAL SESSION OF CTD, SECRETARIAT NORMALLY
SEEKS ADVANCE SUBMISSIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS FOR THIS
SUBJECT. MAY 22-23 MEETING WILL ONLY BE MID-TERM
SESSION; SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WILL ONLY BE ROUNDUP OF
ANY NEW NOTIFICATIONS WHICH ALREADY MADE.

(B) REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING TRADE OF
LDCS. DOUBTLESS EC WILL POINT TO REMOVAL OF ITALIAN
PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSIT AND CROW A BIT ABOUT LOME CONVENTION
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EITHER HERE OR IN ABOVE ITEM. US SHOULD BE PREPARED TO

FIELD COMMENTS ABOUT EXCLUSIONS FROM GSP EITHER HERE OR
IN ABOVE ITEM.

(C) TAKE NOTE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MTN RELEVANT TO
PART IV.

(D) COMMENTS ON APPLICATION OF PART IV IN RELATION TO
OBJECTIVES IT WAS INTENDED TO SERVE. THIS LOADED WORDING
REFERS TO PARA 9 OF MTN TOKYO DECLARATION ON IMPROVE-
MENTS IN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONDUCT OF WORLD
TRADE, ACCORDING TO GATT SECRETARIAT. IN PAST, CTD HAS
ON ITS OWN UNDERTAKEN PREPARATORY WORK FOR ITS OWN USE
ON OTHER ASPECTS OF TOKYO DECLARATION, SUCH AS TROPICAL
PRODUCTS, TARIFFS, QRS. NEW CTD CHAIRMAN ALO (NIGERIA)
HAS SUGGESTED THIS AGENDA ITEM; DISCUSSION IS TO BE ON
PRELIMINARY BASIS WITHOUT COMMITMENT. SECRETARIAT EXPECTS
TO BE ASKED DURING MAY 22-23 CTD SESSION TO COMPILE
TABULATION OF PREVIOUS GATT DISCUSSION OF LDC ASPECT OF
THIS ISSUE, WHICH HAS VARIOUSLY TOUCHED SUCH CONCEPTS AS
"STANDSTILL," "CONSULTATION," AND "SPECIAL AND
DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT."

(E) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN CONTEXT OF MRN.
THIS WILL BE REPORT OF GATT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT ON
SUPPORT IT HAS PROVIDED.

(F) MATTERS RELATING TO EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG LDCS
AGAINST BACKGROUND OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. AGAIN,
CRYPTIC WORDING FOR A SIMPLE CONCEPT. DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN VARIOUS LDC DELS, CHAIRMAN ALO, AND SECRETARIAT
REPORTEDLY HAVE PRODUCED SOME CONCERN THAT LDCS IN MTN
HAVE BECOME OBSESSED WITH GETTING CONCESSIONS FROM DCS
WITHOUT FOCUSING ON WHAT CONCESSIONS THEY MIGHT OFFER
EACH OTHER. SECRETARIAT SOURCE SAYS LDCS HAVE NO FIXED
VIEW ON WHETHER THIS MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE DIRECTED TOWARD
PREFERENTIAL INTRA-LDC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS OR BE DONE
ON MFN BASIS; SECRETARIAT HAS ENCOURAGED THEM IN
LATTER COURSE.

2. DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED FOR NORMAL WASHINGTON
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